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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY CONCERNING KUO HSIN-SHENG (HENRY)

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN EVENT REP SCHERLE
RAISES WITH DEPT CASE OF KUO HSIN-SHENG (HENRY).

2. EMBASSY RECEIVED ON FEBRUARY 1 COPY OF A CABLE FROM
REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM SCHERLE OF IOWA TO FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN
CHANG-
HUA REQUESTING ROC ISSUE EXIT PERMIT TO KUO HSIN-SHENG (HENRY). WE
UNDERSTAND CONGRESSMAN SCHERLE SENT SIMILAR CABLE TO PREMIER
CHIANG CHING-KUO. AMBASSADOR DUAN YUNG, DIRECTOR, NORTH AMERICAN
AFFAIRS, MOFA, INFORMED POLITICAL COUNSELOR GRC HAD REPLIED TO
REP SCHERLE ADVISING HIM CASE UNDER "JUDICIAL REVIEW."

3. IN ADDITION TO CABLE, EMBASSY HAS COPY OF OCTOBER 5, 1973
LETTER TO PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO FROM REP SCHERLE. LETTER
STATES IN PART THAT MR. KUO IS A LAW PROFESSOR AND PRACTICING
ATTORNEY. HIS WIFE WAS BORN IN TAIWAN BUT IS NOW AN
AMERICAN CITIZEN EMPLOYED AS A LIBRARIAN AT SIMPSON
COLLEGE IN REP SCHERLE'S DISTRICT. ACCORDING TO LETTER,
ROC "DEPARTMENTS OF DEFENSE AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS" HAVE
DENIED KUO AN EXIT VISA, "APPARENTLY BASED ON HUSBAND'S
FORMER FRIENDSHIP WITH ONE PROFESSOR PENG, WHO TAUGHT
AT THE NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY WHICH MR. AND MRS. KUO
ATTENDED." COPIES OF LETTER AND SCHERLE CABLE BEING
POUCHED AS ENCLOSURES TO A-25.

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4. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS "PROFESSOR PENG" IS PENG MING-MIN.
OUR FILES DO NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON KUO HSIN-SHENG.

5. DURING JAN 5-12 VISIT TO TAIPEI, PAT BREHENY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO REP SCHERLE, ALSO DISCUSSED CASE WITH AMBASSADOR. BREHENY EMPHASIZED THAT FAVORABLE GRC ACTION WAS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO REP SCHERLE'S ATTITUDE TOWARD ROC. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED WHY EMBASSY COULD NOT TAKE DIRECT ACTION.
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